130. Needs of the Kottarakara taluk.

Mr. C. P. Kochukunju Pillai (Member, Kottarakara Taluk) represented that it was necessary to take up the work of constructing the sanctioned road from Chirankavu in Ezhukone *pakuthi* to Yenadi, crossing the Putur road. That work stood as No. 4 in the list of works proposed by the conference held at the tenth session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly; but nothing had been done in the matter since then. The road was divided into two sections. The first section had already been opened by the people of the locality, and the Government had only to take it up for maintenance. The second section alone remained to be opened by the department. The road was an important one, and the people were too poor to take up the work.

The second work referred to by the Member was the construction of the road from Kundara to Puyappalli. He also prayed that a road might be opened from Vilangara to the M. C. road.

The Member then said that the Pulaman *thodu*, being on a much lower level than the adjacent fields, was not of much use for irrigation purposes. The Dewan himself had inspected that *thodu*, and the Member requested the Government to take up the work immediatly.

Lastly, the Member prayed for the construction of a building for the local vernacular girls' school. He said that the matter had attracted the attention of the Dewan and even His Highness the Maha Raja. He observed that the present school-house was a veritable black hole and prayed that provision might be made for the work in the next year's budget.

Dewan's reply.—In regard to roads, the matter is being investigated by the Chief Engineer.

In regard to the vernacular school for girls, the matter will be remembered and we will see what can be done.

131. Needs of the Pattanapuram taluk.

Mr. Hajee Ahamad Mohideen Mahomed Rowther (Member, Pattanapuram Taluk) first complained about the long delays in the disposal of *puduval* applications.

He then represented the needs of the Pattanapuram taluk and made the following requests.—

(1) A dispensary should be established near the Lakshmipuram market at Pattanapuram, and the Medical officer, Punalur, asked to afford medical relief on the two market days every week.

(2) Lands to the extent of 500 ft. from the public road inside the Kadakkaman Reserve situated to the east of the 29th mile stone and west of the 31st mile stone in the Kayankulam-Punalur road should be assigned in small plots for cultivation.

(3) Irrigational facilities in the shape of anicuts should be provided so as to bring under paddy cultivation about 1,500 acres of lands in and about Shaliakara.

(4) Irrigation works costing about Rs. 1,000 should be carried out for the 100 acres of paddy lands in Anchal, Tazhamel and other *pakuthies* with a view to save the wet lands from drought.

(5) A bridge should be constructed at Muttattukadavu in Pattanapuram by using the available iron materials of the old Parappar bridge. The Department of Public Works had started some preliminary works for the bridge so far back as 1088 M. E.

(6) The village road from Pattanapuram to Mampazhattura should be made a cartable road.

(7) Roads should be constructed from Avanisvaram to Pattazhi and from Pattazhi to Enattu.

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(8) A road should be constructed from Avanisvaram to Anchal. The suggested road had already been surveyed and it had been already ordered that 2 miles of the road should be constructed every year.

(9) The rent due to the Pattazhi Devaswom over and above the 5,382 *paras* of paddy required for the expenses of the Devaswam should be recovered only in money.

(10) Lands for the purpose of grazing should be set apart from the Kadakkaman reserve, near the habitations of the people of the locality.

(11) The block of land covering an extent of 21 acres and 57 cents of paddy land and of the 5 acres of dry land which lay waste now might be assigned in the names of 25 families living at Tenmalai who had no lands for habitation at present.

(12) An Anchal office should be established at Edamannur;

(13) The aided primary school at Edamannur should be converted into a departmental school.

(14) A bathing ghat should be provided near the Valiapalam in the Punalur river.

Dewan's reply.—You complain that *puduval* applications have been pending for a long time. You will have to complain to the Peishkar.

As regards the Anchal office, you will have to represent the matter to the Anchal Superintendent. He says that he has already replied to you that, if you wanted a departmental office, you should give the usual guarantee to the Government.

Member.—The Government will not lose anything.

Dewan.—If you are sure that Government will not lose, why should you not give the guarantee ? These are matters in regard to which you must ask the heads of the departments concerned.

As regards the bridge you speak of, it is a very costly affair. I know there are a number of bridges to be constructed. We are finishing one after another. I think there is a jungar service now.

As regards the Lakshmipuram dispensary, the Darbar Physician says that he had no time to go to the place. He says that he will go there soon and submit a report. After his report is received, the matter will be considered.

As regards paddy cultivation, a committee has been appointed to investigate that question. The matter will be settled on receipt of the committee's report.

132. Needs of the Kunnattur taluk.

Mr. A. Mahomed Khan (Member, Kunnattur Taluk) first spoke on the need for converting the village road from the 54th mile of the M. C. road to the Parakode market into a cart road. He submitted that the road was 4½ miles in length and that it was now being maintained by the Department of Public Works at a cost of Rs. 25 per mile. The people of the locality had almost finished the earth-work; and they were further prepared to contribute funds towards the acquisition of the land necessary for widening the road. The Government had only to acquire the land and put up 4 or 5 masonry culverts at a cost of about Rs. 3,000. He urged that, if the proposed widening was accomplished, Government would be conferring a great boon on the inhabitants of the locality, numbering about 10,000, with proportionately little cost to themselves. The Member complained that the maintenance grant for the roads was very small and that even the allotted amount was not being properly spent on the works.

He next spoke on the necessity of repairing the stream which crossed the M. C. road at the 59th mile stone at Adur. He dwelt upon the importance of irrigation for paddy cultivation and said that the natural streams in those places which were essential for the cultivation of paddy had become silted up and that the tanks formerly used for purposes of irrigation had been converted into paddy fields without discrimination. In regard to the stream in question the banks on either side of it were too

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